

# STATE OF COLORADO

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### **ACCESS TO COLORADO GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

Every person interested in running for the office of President/Vice President of the United States should contact the Federal Election Commission for campaign finance information and other requirements not addressed at the state level. The contact information is:

Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463  
1-800-424-9530  
Web site: [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov)

#### **Federal Qualifications:**

No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.  
U.S. Constitution, Article II, Section 1(5)

**Please note:** Additional qualifications may exist for major and minor party Presidential candidates, as outlined in the major or minor party bylaws.

#### **Major/Minor Party Candidates:**

Major/Minor party Presidential candidates must contact their respective parties for information on the process of obtaining the parties Presidential nomination.

Once the Presidential candidate has obtained the party nomination they must file a certificate of acceptance with the Colorado Secretary of State's office within four (4) days of the adjournment of the convention.

#### **Unaffiliated Candidates:**

There are two ways an unaffiliated candidate can be placed on the general election ballot.

##### **#1: Petition:**

- Petitions are due to the Colorado Secretary of State's Office no later than 3 p.m. on the one hundred fortieth (140th) day before the general election, or June 17, 2008.  
C.R.S. 1-4-802(f)(I)

- The Colorado secretary of state must approve petition formats prior to circulation.  
C.R.S. 1-4-903
- Candidate(s) shall attach a notarized acceptance of nomination to the nominating petition before filing with the secretary of state.  
C.R.S. 1-4-906
- Petition must include the names of the registered electors who are nominated as presidential electors.  
C.R.S. 1-4-303(1)
- The acceptance of each of the presidential electors shall be signed and attached to the first or last page of the petition.  
C.R.S. 1-4-303(1)
- For the office of president and vice president, five thousand (5,000) registered electors must sign the petition.  
C.R.S. 1-4-802(c), 1-4-802(I)

#2: Form and Filing Fee:

- Submit a notarized candidate statement of intent and non-refundable fee of \$500 to the secretary of state no later than one hundred forty (140) days before the general election, or June 17, 2008. The statement of intent must include the names of the registered electors who are nominated as presidential electors.  
C.R.S. 1-4-303(1)
- The acceptance of each of the electors shall be signed and attached to the statement of intent.  
C.R.S. 1-4-303(1)

**Important:** All information above is for name placement on the Colorado general election ballot only. Candidates must contact the proper institutions in each state for ballot access procedures and requirements.